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Hedgehog-Like Polypeptides, and
Formulation and Uses Related Thereto

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Washington, D.C. 20231**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed November 23, 2001, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 16 and 17.

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for inhibiting at least one of the proliferation and growth of lung cancer cells which express *hedgehog*, comprising contacting the cells with an amount of an